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FESPERMAN GETS 18 MONTHS

Tom Spivey Choses to Take 8 Months and \$500 Fine Rather Than 2 Years in Pen. 10 Men Sent to Roads Last Week for Total of 117 1/2 Months. There are Now Thirty-four Violators of the Law Doing Time on County's Chain Gang.

RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S COURT:

The following were sentenced to roads for total of 117 1-2 months:

Steve Fesperman, white.....	18 months.....	A. D. W. and C. C. W.
Olin Rainwaters, white.....	15 ".....	Blockading and Retailing.
Will Davis, colored.....	18 ".....	Larceny.
Frank Jones, colored.....	18 ".....	Larceny.
William Johnson, colored.....	4 1-2 ".....	Blockading.
Caesar Parks, white.....	11 ".....	Retailing.
Jim Ratliffe, colored.....	8 ".....	Retailing.
John Rollins, colored.....	7 ".....	Blockading.
G. H. Hodges, white.....	10 ".....	Retailing.
Tom Spivey, white.....	8 ".....	Seduction.

The special term of Superior Court held last week with Judge B. F. Long presiding, adjourned Saturday at noon after completing a full week's work.

As a result the chain gang received 10 recruits—five white and five colored, for a total of 117 1/2 months. The full list is given above. The gang now numbers 34—10 white and 24 colored. Eight of the recruits were carried to the gang Sunday, and 2 (Spivey and Hodges) Monday.

The Post-Dispatch last issue stated that Tom Spivey, white jitney driver, had been sentenced to the pen for a term of from 2 to 4 years for seducing Venie Tutor, or pay a fine of \$500 to the girl and be sent to the roads for 8 months. Spivey later decided to take the lesser sentence, and so paid to Clerk of Court W. S. Thomas \$500 and went to the chain gang Monday to begin his 8 months' sentence. For good behavior each prisoner gets 5 days off per month; this would really make his sentence about 7 months. Clerk Thomas is to pay this \$500 to the girl in his discretion, at such times and in such amounts as her condition and necessity warrants.

Steve Fesperman's case was possibly the most outstanding one of the Court. He was convicted of an aggravated assault with a pistol upon Western Union Operator J. H. Starr and wife last May. The jury convicted

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E. E. Hamer Dead.

Supt. of City Water E. E. Hamer died at his home here Monday morning at 5 o'clock, Dec. 19th, of pneumonia which he contracted two weeks ago.

The funeral was held from his house on Franklin street, conducted by Revs. Benton, Bundy and Coppedge. A selected choir sang most beautifully three favorite hymns of the deceased. The interment was at New Eastside cemetery, the pall-bearers being Chief Covington and the town Commissioners.

Elijah Everett Hamer was born at the old Everett home, about 4 miles from Rockingham, Nov. 8, 1855. He was a son of John H. and Constance Obedience Everett

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University Smoker.

The annual "get together" of the Richmond County Alumni of the University will be held at the Rockingham hotel Wednesday night, Dec. 27th, at 8:30, this to be in the form of an informal smoker. It was found to be impractical to have a banquet this year.

The 23 students from the county at the Hill will be the special guests of the Alumni. Every alumnus is expected to be present. The affair will be entirely informal and a good time enjoy.

AT THE STAR THEATRE FRIDAY, DEC. 22nd

Lila Lee and James Lirkwood in

"EBB TIDE"

Also a comedy

Government Ginnings.

The ginning to Dec. 14th was announced this a. m. by the Government. It shows 9,494,000 bales ginned to Dec. 14th. The Richmond county figures will probably be around 15,590.

Mills for Christmas.

The various cotton mills around town will close down Friday night for the holidays, and start again Wednesday morning, Dec. 27th.

It Might Have Been.

Asheville defeated the New Bern high in the state championship football game at Chapel Hill last Saturday 12-6, in a five-period game. And this causes Rockingham fans to "figure" a bit and conjecture as to what would have happened had Rockingham kicked that fateful goal in the Sanford game. Sanford it will be recalled, defeated Rockingham by one point—7-6. That put Sanford against New Bern and the Lee county team won easily. Sanford then played New Bern but lost by a single touchdown—6-0. And now New Bern has lost to Asheville by a single touchdown, and our fans can not help but wonder what would have happened had that Sanford goal been kicked.

Train Hits Car.

Phil Little had a narrow escape on Thursday night of last week. He was returning to Charlotte, accompanied by a friend and as he attempted to cross the Seaboard track at Peachland the rear wheels sank in a mud hole in the track and the car became stuck. The fast train, No. 6, "happened" along about that time, and made kindling of the car. Fortunately, his car was a roadster, a new one, and the front part was just off the track, so that neither of the two men were actually hit by the train. The demolition of the car threw them out of course, and both received cuts from the windshield.

Paper Day Earlier.

The Post-Dispatch is printed a day earlier this week—on Wednesday night—in order that it may be distributed to his readers well before Christmas. Next week's issue will not appear until Friday night—a day late. The Post-Dispatch does not take a week off, as do many weeklies, but instead makes its Christmas issue a day earlier and the following issue a day later.

SPEAKS FOR LAW

President Leak Asserts That McLendon Club and K. K. K. Are Not Connected.

The McLendon Club held its semi-monthly meeting last Sunday in the courthouse at 3 o'clock, and will hold its next meeting on Sunday, Dec. 31st, at the courthouse at the same hour.

Especially noteworthy about last Sunday's meeting was the fact that the President, T. C. Leak, emphatically declared that there was no connection between the Club and the Ku Klux Klan. Also, the tenor of all three addresses were along the lines of law enforcement, and along orderly, constituted lines.

Mr. Leak, the President, in calling the Club to order, assured the Club that there was no connection between it and the Kluckers. He referred to the order of the day last week as being one of convictions—except two alleged blindtigers who lit a rag back to the hills.

The first speaker was Mr. Geo. S. Steele. He said the Club has done a great work, but that we must not be too sanguine about it; we must all work in unison to the end of even more vigorous law enforcement.

Representative W. N. Everett then spoke for 20 minutes. He quoted the axiom laid down by Confucius that "an oppressive Government is fiercer than a tiger." He recounted through the ages the various processes that finally gave to the present this system of law and government.

"The law guarantees to all the great privilege that every man has certain constitutional rights that neither judge nor man can take away. Every man has a right to a fair trial in open Court and to be confronted by his accuser. He who goes into Court

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THE KU KLUX KLAN SPEAKER

Rev. Oscar Haywood Spoke in Advocacy of Ku Klux in Courthouse Here Last Sunday. J. L. Hawley Admits Being Member of Klan—Says His Recent Affidavit Referred Only to His Not Being a "Knight," But That He is a Novice.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. HAWLEY

The Post-Dispatch sought Mr. J. L. Hawley Tuesday and obtained from him an interview as to his connection with the Ku Klux Klan. Mr. Hawley states that at the time he made the affidavit in October, he swore literally to the truth—that he was not a Knight of the Ku Klux Klan; as a matter of fact, he says he was a novice in the order at that time.

The Ku Klux meeting in the courthouse at Rockingham last Sunday afternoon started off with a whopping sensation—and closed as dramatically.

To begin with, a member was unearthened, and then after having spoken for an hour and fifteen minutes Rev. Oscar Haywood suddenly quit when numbers of his audience began leaving. He had just reached the Roman Catholic stage of his address when the restlessness developed—but this was undoubtedly due to the fast gathering darkness rather than any intentional discourtesy to the speaker.

The McLendon Club had just held its semi-monthly meeting in the courthouse, wherein the president, T. C. Leak, had earnestly and emphatically disclaimed any association or connection between the McLendon Club and the Ku Klux; and upon adjournment of the McLendon Club meeting, Mr. J. L. Hawley, superintendent of the Rockingham railroad, arose and requested all who believed in red-blooded Americanism to remain and hear Dr. Oscar Haywood on the subject of the Ku Klux. At this juncture ex-Senator W. L. Parsons interrupted Mr. Hawley by asking might he ask a question of him.

Mr. Hawley: "Certainly."
 Mr. Parsons: "Are you a member of this Order?"

"I am," replied Mr. Hawley. "Well, then, how do you reconcile your present admission of membership with your sworn affidavit last October that you were NOT a member?" asked Senator Parsons.

Like a flash Mr. Hawley, standing squarely in front of Mr. Parsons, and in a voice that all could plainly hear, replied: "I swore I was not a KNIGHT of the Ku Klux Klan."

With a remark that he did not care to remain where such subter-

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That Christmas Gift.

Again let us suggest that you send the POST-DISPATCH to some friend or relative as a Christmas gift. The cost for one year is \$2.00, and it will be a most welcome weekly visitor. One good Rockingham lady yesterday ordered the paper sent to two relatives—an uncle and brother living in other towns. How about you?

Holiday Christmas.

The banks and stores will be closed Christmas Day, and the postoffice will observe Sunday hours. However, the Carriers will make their usual rounds; their holiday is Jan. 1st.

Marriage Licenses.

- Dec. 7—Frazier and Emma Booker, colored.
- Dec. 16—Edward Walter Westman and Grace Geddings, white.
- Dec. 18—W. L. Mellon and Alice Ratcliffe, white.
- Dec. 18—Wm. Eddy and Daisy Stansitt, colored.
- Dec. 19—Charlie Evans and Mosanna Currie, colored.
- Dec. 19—Henry Crawford Kearney and Mary Gordon, white.

Artistic Window Display.

Jim West is a window decorator of genuine ability. A glance at the big show-room of West Bros. will demonstrate this. The firm has a fine display, the floor covered with sand and pine trees furnishing the background, with a country road and a Studebaker and Chevrolet displayed.

Live Wires.

A special department is created for the Post-Dispatch for the next four months, in which will appear each week some snappy and readable advertising paragraphs from ten Rockingham firms. Those firms using this "Live Wire" column, so far, are:

- Fox Drug Store;
- W. E. McNair, furniture;
- McLaurin's Meat Market;
- Whistle Bottling Works;
- Helm's & Co., jewelers;
- Busy Bee Cafe;
- Bank of Rockingham;
- Modern Pressing Club;
- Richmond B. & L. Association;
- Everybody's Service Station.

PROGRAM AT THE STAR THEATRE ROCKINGHAM, N. C.

For week of Dec. 23rd to Dec. 30th

MUSIC DAILY BY THE POLISH ORCHESTRA.

MONDAY and TUESDAY, DEC. 25th and 26th.

Rodolph Valentino, Wanda Hawley and Pat Moore in "THE YOUNG RAJAH" Also, "CRASH"—a one-reel comedy.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27th.

Katherine MacDonald in "THE WOMAN'S SIDE" Starland Revue No. 5

THURSDAY, DEC. 28th.

Grace Davison in "THE SPLENDID LIE" That night a 2-reel Mack Sennett Comedy.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29th.

Miriam Cooper in "DINDRED OF THE DUST" Also, "SOAK THE SHEIK"—a comedy.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30th.

Radio King No. 6. Leo Maloney in "His Enemy's Friend" "Torchy's Nut Sunday" "Noble Bachelor"

Don't forget to hear our Orchestra every day with our pictures. Admission 10 and 25c.

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